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FACT SHEET

LACRIMAL IRRIGATION AND DILATION CERTIFICATION

An optometrist may become certified to independently perform lacrimal irrigation and dilation procedures providing they meet the following requirements as defined by Business & Professions Code §3041(e)(6) and §3041.3:

1. Optometrist must be certified in the use of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents. (TPA)
2. Submit a state application. (There is no fee for this service)
3. Provide proof of having performed 10 procedures under the supervision of an ophthalmologist.
 - Patients must be over the age of 12 years.
 - Probing of the nasal lacrimal tract is prohibited.
 - Supervising ophthalmologist must be board certified.

You may call and request this application at (916) 575-7170 or go to the Board's web site at www.optometry.ca.gov, click on Permits/Forms/ Applications, then click on Application for Lacrimal Irrigation and Dilation Certification. There is no fee to submit this application.